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SUBJECT: ALLEGED GVN/PRG/DRV CONTACTS IN JAKARTA

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1. THE PARIS DAILY LE MONDE PICKED UP RUMOR OF GVN/PRG/DRV CONTACTS IN JAKARTA IN ITS EDITION OF SEPT. 11, CITING VISIT TO JAKARTA BY GENERAL DANG VAN QUANG AND FORTHCOMING TRIP THERE BY GVN ROVING AMBASSADOR BUI DIEM. LE MONDE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT GVN OFFICIALS HAVE DENIED CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PRG.

2. AFP SEPT. 10 REPORTED A STATEMENT BY SPOKESMAN OF THE PRG DELEGATION TO THE GVN/PRG BILATERALS DENYING ANY CONTACTS IN JAKARTA. ACCORDING TO AFP, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, IN PART: "THESE RUMORS ARISE SOLELY FROM AN OPERATION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BY SAIGON, TRYING TO EVADE THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE U.S. AND THE WARLIKE GROUP OF NGUYEN VAN THIEU FOR HAVING CREATED AND MAINTAINED AN INCREASINGLY TENSE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND FOR HAVING SABOTAGED THE

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NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES."

THE SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT "THESE RUMORS
AIM AT EXTORTING INCREASED MILITARY AID FOR THE
NGUYEN VAN THIEU GROUP FROM THE AMERICAN CONGRESS."

3. THE GVN SPOKESMAN TO THE BILATERALS QUICKLY
RESPONDED TO THE PRG DENIAL BY STATING IN A PUBLIC
COMMENTARY SEPTEMBER 11 THAT IT UNDERLINES "THE
SYSTEMATICALLY NEGATIVE ATTITUDE OF THE COMMUNIST
SIDE."

4. COMMENT: WIRE SERVICE REPORTS SEPT 11 ALSO NOTE
THAT THE CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE BETWEEN INDONESIA
AND SOUTH VIETNAM IS CURRENTLY A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THIS MAY SERVE TO DEFLECT
SPECULATION AWAY FROM SUPPOSED GVN-COMMUNIST CONTACTS
AS A MOTIVE FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED GVN DIPLOMATIC
EFFORTS.
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